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SUBJECT: DRAFT PRESS GUIDANCE ON ZAIRE AND PARIS TALKS

1. FOLLOWING, PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3, IS CONTINGENCY PRESS
GUIDANCE TO BE USED AS NEED FOR DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING
ZAIRE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT:

--THE GUIDANCE MAY BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER MODIFICATION

IN LIGHT OF CHANGING EVENTS;

--ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE TWO SUBJECTS COVERED WILL BE MADE BY THE WHITE HOUSE, DEPARTMENT OR U.S. DELEGATION TO PARIS. THE WHITE HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT WILL DECIDE WHO IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL INITIATE U.S.-PUBLIC COMMENT;

--ADDRESSEES WILL BE PROVIDED WITH FURTHER GUIDANCE BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENT.

2. TRANSPORT OF FRENCH AND MOROCCAN TROOPS. BEGIN GUIDANCE:

THE UNITED STATES HAS BEGUN RETURN TRANSPORT OF FRENCH TROOPS AND MATERIAL FROM THE SHABA PROVINCE OF ZAIRE TO BASES IN FRANCE.

AS PART OF THE SAME OPERATION, AND IN RESPONSE TO AN URGENT REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF ZAIRE, MOROCCO AND FRANCE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS AGREED TO TRANSPORT AN INITIAL CONTINGENT OF MOROCCAN TROOPS FROM MOROCCO TO ZAIRE. THE UNITED STATES WILL CONSIDER TRANSPORTING FURTHER CONTINGENTS AS REQUESTS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES EVOLVE.

THE US ROLE WILL REMAIN LIMITED TO SUPPORT AS IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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EARLIER TRANSPORT OF FRENCH AND BELGIAN TROOPS AND MATERIAL AND HAS A SPECIFIC PURPOSE: THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF AN IMPORTANT REGION.

3. PARIS TALKS

BEGIN GUIDANCE: THE PARIS TALKS WILL FOCUS ON NEAR-TERM PROBLEMS WHICH THE KATANGAN INVASION OF SHABA HAS POSED FOR ZAIRE'S ECONOMY, THEY WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTINUATION OF CONSULTATIONS ON THE SECURITY OF AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC REGION.

TROOPS FROM SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE BEING LOCATED IN ZAIRE'S SHABA PROVINCE AS THE RESULT OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF ZAIRE, AND CONTRIBUTING STATES. THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT, IN A LIMITED MANNER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLEARLY DEFINED GUIDELINES. IT IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR VIEW THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS ARE BEST SOLVED BY AFRICANS. SOME CONTINGENTS OF AFRICAN TROOPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MOVED TO ZAIRE. THE UNITED STATES PROVIDED TRANSPORT.

UNDER SECRETARY NEWSON WILL FLY TO PARIS ON SATURDAY NIGHT TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANCE, BELGIUM, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4. THE TALKS WILL CONTINUE INTO MONDAY.

THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE TALKS AT PARIS WILL ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF A SHORT-TO-MEDIUM TERM FRAMEWORK FOR COORDINATION ON THE CLOSELY LINKED ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ASPECTS OF THE SHABA SITUATION. THE U.S. WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSPORTING FURTHER MILITARY CONTINGENTS FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES. DETAILS OF THE AFRICAN TROOPS BEING LOCATED IN SHABA WILL EMERGE FROM THE PARIS CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETING.

FORCES. THE UNITED STATES WILL PLAY A SUPPORTING ROLE AS IT DID DURING THE EARLIER TRANSPORT OF BELGIAN TROOPS TO SHABA.

THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS TO DISCUSS IN PARIS PROBLEMS RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO ZAIRE. WE DO NOT EXPECT THE BROADER QUESTION OF AN INTER-AFRICAN SECURITY FORCE WILL ARISE. END GUIDANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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